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Dear Friends of Lifeline,

Thank you in advance for taking the time to read this news letter and to pray for us.

This newsletter will be a special **“Block-party OUTREACH”** edition news-letter.

The mission of Lifeline is the Great Commission, set forth by the Lord Jesus Christ and we do this in a variety of ways- but one of the most effective ways we found to reach many people at one time is “Block-party style Outreaches.”

We do these block party’s during the warm weather months. We have them outside- right in people’s neighborhoods, right in the hood- in their back yards. We go to them. I believe this is what makes them so effective.

We are currently getting prepared to start our season of block party outreaches. We start in May, and have one every month, with the last one in September. And we are pumped, not only because these outreaches are effective, but also because they are fun!!!..Amen! It’s awesome to be outside in the spring and summer with families in our area- playing with their kids, talking to their youth, blessing them and getting to know them. But most of all, it’s the greatest thing in the world to share Jesus- to preach and minister the King of kings and Lord of lords. That is why we are here my friends.

So this newsletter will explain to you, the Life Line friends, the many aspects that make a “Block-party Outreach!”

Also, those of you who live within driving distance to these outreaches-please pray about being part of something life changing and feel invited to come out and be part of the team. We always need help!

*Please pray for these outreaches. Pray for souls to be brought out of darkness and into the marvelous light and get saved! Amen.

Laboring in the harvest field,

Steve & Jodi Ignowski
Lifeline Outreach Founders/Directors



LIFE LINE OUTREACH MINISTRIES



The Vision of Lifeline Outreach Ministries



The mission and ministry of Life-line Outreach Ministries is to follow the Great Commission set forth by the Lord Jesus Christ. We purpose to go out and share the good news; to win the lost and to make disciples as it is only through a life changing relationship with Jesus Christ, that people will be saved from eternal damnation and actually experience real freedom and purpose in life.



It is strong on our heart to reach the rejects of society. The ones society has written off and wants nothing to do with. We see through reading and studying the scriptures that Jesus went to the "least of these." He went to the spiritually sick, the lame, and the blind, the naked; He offered hope, deliverance and salvation. He said it is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. We desire to be the arms, hands, feet and mouth piece for the Lord Jesus Christ.

Simply put, our mission is to reach the un-reachables. We do this in a variety of ways from the everyday life of witnessing Jesus in the market place as we live our lives out on a daily basis- being ready in season and out. We also have purposely planned outreach/evangelism events such as block-party style outreaches in urban neighborhoods, street evangelism, weekly meetings in a local Juvenile Facility, mentoring/discipleship home meetings, and bi-weekly Bible Studies at a local trailer park. Any chance we get, any door opened by God, we purpose to step into it and shine the light of Jesus!

The Ministry of Lifeline



Annual Christmas Outreach



Weekly Juvenile Correctional Meetings



Street witnessing

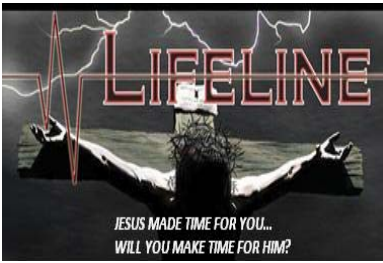


County Jail Meetings



Block-party Style Outreaches





LIFE LINE OUTREACH MINISTRIES

"Block-Party OUTREACH"

Edition Newsletter MAY 2012

When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. ³⁸ Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."** (Matthew 9:36-38)

Jesus said **"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel."** (Mark 16:15)

Jesus Christ gave this **urgent command** five times, to go into all the world to make disciples of all nations, fewer than one in twenty have gone into their own corner of the world to share the gospel with the community in which they reside.

We at Lifeline believe this command is **not negotiable**. It is not a "hope you will do this", but a direct command from God Almighty given to the disciples and to all believers, to take the gospel to the lost! For the most part, the lost will never come to the church, so the church needs to go to them.

One of the ways we step out to reach people for Jesus is through "Block-party outreaches." We at Lifeline have learned just how effective Block-Party Outreaches are, as a productive way to reach neighborhoods of people. These block-party style outreaches are done in such a way as to bless and love on people, which then allows us to effectively share the Gospel.



Island Fest 2009 Elkhart, IN



Village Green 2011 Mishawka, IN

What Are "Block Party Style Outreaches?"

Simply put, we go into an area neighborhood and have a big outdoor picnic cook-out, all for free. We invite everyone in the area to attend. We make it fun, as we have games and face painting for the kids. Many times we have live bands playing, or we play DJ style music. We put out tables of free clothing for the needy, we set up a free book table where we give away Bibles and Christian materials. It's basically an outdoor festival to be reach people for Jesus. It's fun and it works!



Oak Grove -Mishawka, IN 2010

When people realize that we are in their neighborhoods to be a blessing and not just preach at them, their guard comes down and they become open to listen to what we have to say. This of course, allows God to minister through us, as we testify, preach, hand out tracts and Bibles and most of all share the Good news of Jesus Christ.

The music, games for the kids, tables of clothing, the hotdogs, chips and grilled cheese-all are just a tool to reach people for Jesus. To God be the glory!

Door to Door Ministry:

Building relationships with the folk we meet is vital. This all starts weeks before the outreach event, when we go out as a team into the neighborhoods, going door to door inviting the families to the outreach.

This has been a very important step in the process of ministering to the people during these outreaches. This allows the people to meet us and for us to meet them.

These door to door ministry times have been some of the most incredible opportunities to pray for people, and share the Gospel. Many times we will catch people just sitting on their front steps (drinking a beer), or in their front yards just chilling. We will walk up and invite them to the up-coming outreach and we give them an outreach flyer invite then we start ministering to them.

We have literally had hour long Bible studies on front porches with families as they start asking questions and one question usually leads to another. There have been times when we have been invited into people's homes to pray for bed ridden relatives-as families members are in tears as all medical hope has been exhausted in their loved ones life- we laid our hands on their sick loved ones and we prayed healing over them in Jesus name.

Many times we have ministered to people struggling with addictions, or just facing a crisis, and God brings comfort as we pray for them. Many times we have had opportunities to kneel with people in their living rooms as they have called out to Jesus to save them. To God be the glory!

Another benefit about these door to door fellowship times is that it comforts the people to now come to the block-party because they have met us and know who we are. In fact, many will invite their family and friends to attend. How cool is that?



Ravina Park -South Bend , IN 2010



Washington Gardens Elkhart, IN 08'



Highland Trailer Court - Elkhart, IN 2010



Ministering on the grill



Servants at work



Face Painting



Helping with hotdogs



Getting ready for a big day!



Showing the Love of Christ!

The Block-Party Outreaches Are A “Team” Event

These Block-Parties Outreaches are a “Team Event”- they involve the whole “Team.” Not everyone is comfortable to stand up and testify or preach a message, but anyone can grill a hotdog or hand someone a cold lemon-aid, or clean a table, or face paint a child’s face. We may not all be at a level spiritually to cast out an unclean spirit but we can help a struggling mother of three, who walks up to the outreach to feed her kids...I think you get my point. It takes “all of us” to do it. The guy preaching is no more important than the guy who is cleaning up the tables. The only prerequisite to be part of these outreaches, is that you have a servant’s heart and an overflowing love for the Lord Jesus Christ- with a passion to see people come to know Jesus!!



The tangible love of Jesus!



Blessed to be a blessing!

Why Free Food?

The free food is a blessing to the people we are reaching. When Jesus walked the earth physically, the Bible says He went forth and did good, He loved on people, He ministered to people, He fed people, He was a blessing! We are to be imitators of Jesus! We are blessed to be a blessing. This is more than a Christian Cliché’.

We bless the people with free food. Most everyone likes a grilled hotdog or a grilled cheese. It draws people in to see what is going on. So many are touched by the free food, many times people ask how much? And they are shocked to realize its all free. And believe it or not- even though it’s only a hotdog/grilled cheese and chips it really does touch people’s heart. So many are not used to seeing servant hood and unconditional love, most are familiar with hostility and anger but love touches them, love breaks down the hard shell that so many have. Amen!

I remember one outreach where a guy seen the sign for free hotdogs and drove his bicycle through the mobile home park to find us. (which wasn’t easy with all the winding roads), but he found us. He was a homeless man and all he had was his bicycle. We were able to pray for him and minister Jesus to him.



Ministering Jesus



South Bend, IN 2011 Outreach

The Sound System

Another area of ministry we utilize at the outreaches is “amplified sound.”

The sound system is another tool to minister. Music is such a drawing tool. I remember one outreach a guy and his girl friend showed up at the outreach and when they were asked how they came to hear about the block party they told us “we heard the music playing and followed the sound – here we are.” How cool is that? Music draws. It lets people know something is going on.

In outreach events, there are always people who come and are not open for dialog. They are either doubters, or skeptic’s, or maybe they are just shy, who knows really. But by having the sound system this gives us the ability to still minister to them as they hear the Christian music and at all outreaches we take time to share the Word of God through short testimonies, and preaching of the Gospel.

Many times we have had people who come up to us and share how they were listening to what somebody said and it spoke to them and they had some questions. Amen!, You just never know who God is drawing or how He reaches them.



Darla Face Painting for Jesus



Mari giving Free Hair Cuts



Wesley and Pastor Dan ministering to the Children



“Happy the Clown” ministering to the kids

Ministering to Children:

Jesus said, **"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."** Matthew 19:14

Children are precious to the Lord. And as shocking as this may sound, many of the little ones we minister to have never heard of Jesus. In fact, most of the little ones that we meet have never been to Church or Sunday school. They just don't have the up bringing that a many of us have had. But we love on them, we welcome them, we engage them with fun and games, as we share a positive gospel message in terms they can understand.

We show love in a tangible way through fun and positive attention with face painting, puppets, balloons, and games all while sharing that Jesus loves them. Amen.



Al & Jen Sabin
(Visions of Praise Ministries)



Free Clothing, Books, Tracts, Bibles Tables:

Matthew 25:36 "...I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

At every outreach we make available free clothing and free Christian Books and Bibles. By teaming up with Visions of Praise Ministries (Al & Jennifer Sabin), who direct a clothing ministry, we not only have Christian books, tracts, and Bibles, but we also have clothing to give away.

By having these items to offer for free, it again opens the door to show love in a tangible way. Through this blessing we strike up conversation and minister to those we meet. And by following what Jesus said, recorded in Matthew 35:36, what ever we do for the least of these we have done it unto to the Lord. And because of the financial strain that many of these folk are dealing with, these free clothing tables are a major blessing for so many. Praise be to God!

Free Christian Books, Tracts & Bibles:

At every outreach we have a table of "free" Christian Books & free Bibles.

Outside of leading someone to Jesus, there is no greater thing to give someone, than the Word of God. The Word of God is life, it is alive and it changes people because it is real! God speaks through the Word, he makes alive the hearts to be opened and touched by Him, as they read the life changing book.

I can't begin to tell you how many times we have given a Bible to someone who told us that this was their very first Bible! It is so cool to see their eyes brighten up as we hand them the Word of God!

Most recently, we were able to purchase a few cases of Children's New Testaments; this will be the first time that we actually have had Children's Bible's. The children's Bibles are awesome; they have some neat graphics with illustrated color inserts, to get the attention of the little ones, and it is an easy to read translation. With so many families we minister to, this will be a great way to stir up the whole family, to get into the Bible and hear from God.



Building Relationships/Follow Up:

One of our goals at Life Line is not only to see people receive salvation and come to know Jesus, but we also desire to see people disciplined and grow in their relationship with Jesus. And there is no better place for this to happen than in the local Church.

So, we put forth an effort to connect everyone we meet with our local churches.

At every outreach we have a table with assigned leaders to help connect people with our local fellowships. At this table we get people's names and contact information to help get a hold of them later. At this table we minister the Gospel, we offer prayer, we invite everyone to Church, we share where our local churches are located, plus we give them brochures and information regarding service times. We do what we can to encourage individuals to attend our local churches.

So there you have it, a block-party style outreach to reach souls for Jesus. Please keep these outreach dates in your prayers. If you live close to our area, please feel invited to attend, you are welcome to attend and be part of the team.

Laboring together for JESUS!!

-Steve

We so appreciate your prayers and intercession for these outreaches

If anyone would desire to sow a financial seed toward these soul winning outreaches, please send your tax deductible check to:

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UPCOMING OUTREACHES AND MINISTRY:

April 26th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
April 27th Friday = Door-Door Ministry at Village Green
May 5th Saturday = Block Party Outreach at Village Green
May 9th Wednesday = Village Green Outdoor Tent Bible Study (Assisting Visions of Praise Ministries)
May 10th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
May 24th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
May 29th Tuesday = South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility Ministry
June 1st Friday = Door-Door Ministry at La Casa Estates Apartments
June 8th Friday = Door-Door Ministry at La Casa Estates Apartments
June 9th Saturday = Block Party Outreach at La Casa Estates Apartments
June 14th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
June 20th Wednesday = Village Green Outdoor Tent Bible Study (Assisting Visions of Praise Ministries)
June 26th Tuesday = South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility Ministry
June 28th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
July 7th Saturday = South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility Ministry EVANGELISM CONCERT
July 13th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry
July 24th Tuesday = South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility Ministry
July 27th Thursday = Elkhart County Jail Ministry

FRESH VISION FOR SOULS

Article by Steve Ignowski

“What can I do for Jesus?”–“How can I reach a lost soul?” I sometimes wonder if any of these questions even enter our thoughts anymore. In today’s modern Church it seems the majority of our energy, and much of our preaching and teaching is all about “self” and “what’s in it for me”. What ever happen to- “I must decrease and He must increase”? Whatever happened to “leave the ninety-nine and go after the one that’s lost”? or “I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task”? If you don’t believe me just think about this, if you call a prayer meeting, to pray for lost souls or announce an outreach to evangelize in our city, you might get a handful of people to show up. But if you announce a Christian Concert at the Church, with a big name singer coming, the doors of the sanctuary will be torn off the hinges from the mob crowd that show up... How many know I am telling the truth?....Just be honest.



I believe we need to look again, and ask God to give us a fresh vision for “Souls.” The reason Jesus came to this earth was to save a dammed, Hell bound people! “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.” (Luke 19:10) Just Look at Jesus’ vision in Matthew 9:36 & 20:28- it says, “But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” It’s quite plain; the Lord’s vision is souls and reaching them.

How many Christians today do you hear talking about soul winning-evangelism or outreach? How many Christians today do you hear talking about visitation work? How many Christians today do you hear talking about revival? How many Christians do you hear today in the average church, praising the Lord for souls that are being saved? The lack of all this is an indication that we need a fresh vision for lost souls. I agree with JC Smith, a preacher friend of mine, he says, “It’s bad enough that we as the church are not soul-winning, what is really bad is that we don’t even care that we are not winning souls!” This is quite the indictment. Think about that....

Let’s ask God for a fresh vision for souls! Oh, I wish that we could have the vision today that David Brainerd had. He died at the age of 29, but he had a vision of the Indians who were lost and without God. He saw them as not just enemies of the white man but as souls for whom Christ died. The color of their skin meant nothing to him. He saw them as people who would go to Heaven or to Hell. He knelt in the snow and prayed until consumption gripped his frail body. But people came to Christ.

I read of one old Indian who used to follow David Brainerd, seeking to kill him. But he saw him kneel in the snow and lift his hands to God and his heart toward Heaven and pray, "O God, may these red men be saved." At the age of 29, with tuberculosis literally eating his body away, he laid down his life, but he is remembered today as a man who had a vision for the souls of the Indian people.

I’m thinking of William Booth, what a warrior for Christ! We need a vision and action like he had, when he saw the neglected derelicts of the slums of London. He left the formal church in London and went out into the slums to reach them and he started the Salvation Army. Amen!

We need a vision, my friends, of lost souls. When’s the last time you wept for a lost soul?

Listen, my friends, where there is no vision, souls are lost. Where there is no vision, God said, people perish! The lack of vision on the part of the church means the destruction of men and women in this city. We need a vision for lost souls. ***"Where there is no vision, the people perish: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he. "-Proverbs 29:18.***

UPCOMING OUTREACHES FOR 2012

MAY 5th

Village Green Mobile Home Park

1 PM – 4 PM



Mishawaka, Indiana

JUNE 9th

La Casa Estates Apartments

1 PM – 4 PM



Elkhart, Indiana

July 7th

South Bend Juvenile Correctional Facility Outreach Concert

Noon – 3 PM



South Bend, Indiana

2 Final Outreaches in August & September... Locations to be announced.....